

A BRIEF FAMILY TREE

TRUVID HOLMQUIST (Grandpa) was born in Stenbruhult, Kronebergelan, Sweden, in 1813. He married Ellen or Eling Moteson or Mottes dotter, who also was born at the same place, in 1818. Ellen was a widow with two children, Gustaf and Johan with first marriage. (Her first husband was named Joneson.) Truvid settled in their new home on a farm (1/4 heman) in Lindhult, Stenbruhult sucken, Kronebergslan. Six children were born to them, namely Jonas, Christiana, Maria, Menny, John, August and ~~Annie~~. Gustaf, of the first marriage, stayed in Sweden. Johan came to the United States with his five children; Joseph, Charlie, Emma, Tilly and Anna. Joseph died from a blow in a fight. Charlie, who stayed single, had traveled somewhat and was living in Chicago before he died. Emma married Olaf Nelson, who died about 1910. Emma has remained a widow and resides in Cicero, Illinois. She has four children. Tilly married a brother to Olof named Pete. She died in August, 1923. They had one daughter. Anna married a Mr. Nordstrom and they have one girl. Jonas, the son of Truvid, died in Sweden in 1899 or 1900 at the age of 55 years. Truvid also had a daughter, Christiana who stayed in Sweden and married a man named Sunnesson, and lived in Elmhult, Nybygden. They had five children -- Emma, Tilda, Albert, Bort and Sven. Emma was the only one who came to America. She married a man named Hultgren, a bricklayer contractor whom she met in Chicago, but moved to Brooklyn, New York, where she died in 1900 at the age of 25 years. Her mother died February 2, 1924 at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 13 days. Menny came to America and married a John Carlson who lived in Chicago for many years and owned and operated the Englewood Home Laundry; his business was at 6612 South Green Street. About 1900 they sold out and moved to a farm in Grovertown, Indiana, where they lived many years. Both died and are buried in the Swedish Lutheran Church cemetery in Donaldson, Indiana. They had eight children. Three died while very young. Five of the children are -- Eddie, Enoch, Amanda, Esther and Arvid. Eddie became deaf and dumb. Eddie was an artist and married a deaf and dumb girl named Eva Dorchester from Sherman, Texas. She also was an

artist. Eva died in Texas about 1925 and Eddie died on July 26, 1932 in Sawyer, Michigan. Their one daughter Marjorie is now a fine young lady with no signs of her parents' misfortune upon her. She is married to Joseph Semmes of Dallas, Texas. Enoch was born January 4, 1887, married Edna Bolinger of Donaldson, Indiana where they lived, and had three children. Enoch died about 1946. Amanda, born in 1890, married Victor Charn of Chicago, a carpenter by trade. They resided in Sawyer, Michigan where Amanda died. They have three children. Esther married Dave Lovgren of Donaldson, Indiana and now live in St. Petersburg, Florida, and they have three children.

AUGUST HOLMQUIST was born in 1860 and came to the United States at the same time as his brother John, in 1880. He lived for a time with his sister Menny Carlson and her husband. August married Hannah Kampe and had six children, namely: Bernard, Elsa, Alma, Ebba, Alice, and Violet. The first two died while young and Violet died at the age of 17 years of heart trouble. Alma married Arvid Westerdahl, a Methodist minister who in later years studied medicine and became a practicing physician in Oak Park, Illinois. Ebba married Roy Lennstrumm. Alice married Louis Becker. August and his family lived in Chicago most of the time, but for many years owned a 40 acre farm at Grovertown, Indiana, and had his family there a great deal and made frequent trips from Chicago to see them and made many long stays, always retaining his job at Ajax Forging Company. He was a railroad crossing maker and was in good health until he died suddenly of heart failure. This occurred at the wheel while taking his car out of the garage at 7625 Morgan Street. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Chicago. His wife Hannah is now dead also.

ANNIE HOLMQUIST came to America while very young and married Andrew Nelson of Escanaba, Michigan. They had five children; Nannie, Hildur, Ellen, Jennie, and Emma. They did not live long in Escanaba, but moved to Chicago. Here they lived with Annie's brother John until Andrew bought a farm in Grovertown, Indiana.

Here they lived many years until Annie became sick. Having much faith in Dr. Dowie of Zion, Illinois, they sold out in Indiana and moved to Zion in about 1906. He was one of the pioneers as far as construction was concerned, and was employed in building in Zion. Annie became strange in her actions. This condition perhaps was brought on by much overwork and aggravated by study and faithful following of the teachings of the Dowieites. She died in the Fall of 1933 at Zion with all her children around her. She seemed to have entirely overcome her mental illness, as she knew all and spoke as though she were well. Andrew died years before Annie in Zion. Nannie married Mr. C. A. Caird of Helena, Montana, where they lived. Her husband owned and operated a mining machinery factory. She has one daughter. Emma married a nephew of Mr. Caird named Albert Porte, whom she met in Waukegon, Illinois. He is now owner of the mining company in Helena, Montana. Mr. Caird died. Hildur married Christian Nielsen. Ellen married Silas Moote, son of an apostle and elder of the Voliva Church. Jennie married Nels Fredrickson.

JOHN HOLMQUIST was born March 18, 1857 at Elmhult Station, Norkoping, Stenbruhult Sucken, Kronebergslan, Sweden. His home was called Lindhult where he lived with his father and mother until about 1877 when he went to Malmo and worked for the Malmo railroad until March 25, 1880. At the age of 23 he left for America with his brother. He was naturalized in the Superior Court of Chicago, October 29, 1888. He made Chicago his home and one of his first jobs was erecting the ornamental iron work on the old Union Station. At the age of 28 he married Hannah Erickson, age 17. Four children were born to them, namely: John Theodore, born January 3, 1886; Edward and William, twins born July 22, 1887; and Waldemar Truvid, born September 11, 1889. Hannah, his wife, was born May 2, 1867, and died February 6, 1890, at the age of 22 years, 9 months. These five years of happy married life soon ended when she died of influenza and pneumonia. She is buried at Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago. She died confessing Jesus Christ and wishing to see her husband and boys some day in Heaven. Hannah, John's wife, had two sisters and

two brothers. One sister and brother bought a farm in Bismark, North Dakota, where he died, leaving all to his sister who married and continued to live there. A brother Charlie, married and lived in Chicago. Not much is known about him as he was very much inclined to strong drink, which John had no use for. Tilda, another sister of John's wife Hannah, married John (Jack) Larson. Four children were born to them. One died in infancy. The other three were namely: Charles, Ellen, and August. They lived on the west side of Chicago for years and then moved to Sterling, Illinois. Tilda died December 17, 1929. Jack Larson is now dead too. Ellen married Leslie Chapin of Prophetstown, Illinois. In 1912 they moved to Tampico, Illinois. Here they started a poultry and egg business and did very well. Later they started a cheese and butter business. Ellen died in December, 1945. August married a girl named Lois Graham and lived in Sterling, Illinois. Lois died, leaving a young daughter. Later August married a Sterling girl named Althea. He has two children by this marriage. Charlie married a girl named Marjorie. He has a wire specialty business where August is in charge of the plant. Charlie and August do well. John Larson worked as a blacksmith foreman for the Harvester Company in Rock Falls, and lived with Charlie.

John Holmquist's sister Annie cared for the four boys for nine months after their mother Hannah died. At this time John again married. His wife's name was Emma Charlotte Carlson and they were married by a Mission Church pastor named Anderson, at a Helander's home, on April 1, 1891. John Holmquist's second wife, Emma, was born April 28, 1855 in Ukna Sucken Smaland, Calmarlan, Sweden. Two daughters were born in this marriage -- Edith Marie, born February 9, 1892 and died August 2, 1892; Emmy Elizabeth, born September 4, 1896 and died from croup about 1900, and was buried in Oakwoods Cemetery. Edith also was buried there. John built a house at 6613 South Green Street, Chicago, where he lived until he died. He also bought a farm at Grovertown, Indiana, June 2, 1897, from Andrew Uncapher. On this farm the boys, with Emma, spent the summers, picking berries, pickles, and raising garden and potatoes, etc. It was John's intention to make that the home instead of

Chicago, but for many reasons it never materialized. John was converted shortly after the death of his first wife, and joined the Mission Church on the north side. Later he transferred his membership to the Mission Church at 59th and Carpenter Street. On January 31, 1897, he was baptized and joined the Englewood Swedish Baptist Church and remained a member there with his second wife, Emma. Emma's father's name was Carl John Lock. That was the name given to him in the Swedish army, but his correct name was Carlson. Emma came to America August 31, 1887, and went to Evanston, Illinois and joined the Evanston Swedish Baptist Church. She was converted in Vestervik, Sweden, and baptized March 14, 1879. She had four sisters and seven brothers, namely: Carl John, Andes Gustaf, August Theodore, Peter Enock, Krans Otto, Nels Oscar. Two of the sisters of Emma were Tilda and Josephine. John worked for Wills and France for a short time after coming to this country. He also worked for the Ajax Frog Company on 22nd and Leavit Street for a number of years. There he taught his brother August how to make crossings. After working there for a number of years he went to work for Strom's Frog Shop, which in later years was known as Pettibone and Muliken Company. This place was started by a man named Strom, with whom John worked at Wills and France. Strom worked in the blacksmith shop, while John worked in the machine shop. John knew Strom well from Sweden and was always a close friend of his. John continued working for this firm about 40 years, running a planer, planing frogs and switches, until the last two years of his life, when he was put on lighter work because of his weakened condition, due to a failing heart. He always was much interested in his work, and three years before he died he invented a frog which had the bend in such a manner that a heavier point could be used and in that way save a lot of wear on the switch or frog.

He always enjoyed going out to his farm in Grovertown and did so whenever he had a chance. His last visit there was August, 1924. This trip was his last as he was very weak and was taken home with his wife by his son Edward, who had driven out there. As far as was known, he was well until the summer of 1925, when his son

John's family took him and his wife for a visit to Sterling, Illinois. Here they visited the Larson's, his first wife's sister, and at which time they motored to Tampico where Larson's daughter Ellen lived. It was here he had the first attack after eating supper out on the golf course, about a mile east of Tampico. John, his son, with his children and Leslie Chapin, started across the field to see a new canal that had been dug. John did not go along at first, but later followed down the hill on a run, which was too much for him after eating. He became very sick at this time, but seemed to get over it in a few days. This heart trouble developed until it caused his death. He was a man of great strength, especially when young, and all his friends respected this and always tried to keep peace with him. He was very liberal and always ready to help others. Pride never got the best of him and he always had a hatred for anything that showed pride. He warned his boys never to let pride get the upper hand with them. He was a firm believer in the Bible, which he read much. His faith in the Lord was plain and only as the Bible taught it, nothing added and nothing removed. He never seemed to develop any love for riches, but all he wished for was health and enough to get along, without suffering. Often he said that his riches on earth were his wife and four boys, whom he thought the world of.

After his last trip to Grovertown he never regained his strength. He was thoroughly examined by Professor Gilbert, after an examination at the South Shore Hospital. All said there was nothing to do but let him rest. He remained in bed the last eight weeks he lived. His dying days were peaceful and thankful to everybody. He was often cautioning his boys not to get too much love for things of this world, but to remember the life after this. He always prayed for his boys. Toward the last he became unconscious, from 1 o'clock Saturday morning until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. When he awakened again the nurse took full charge of him. Will, Esther, John and Ruth and their two sons Alden and Russell were at his bedside. Ruth, intending to go home, took his hand to say good-bye and when he took her hand he imagined he was traveling on the way to Heaven, saying, "It is the same there as here; they have stations." He thought we were starting on the journey also. He

here; they have stations." He thought we were starting on the journey also. He asked that God may bless us on our journey. Then he asked Ruth if Jesus is here. He said we each had a number. John's was number 1, and Will's number 2; then he tried to explain that our numbers were 1, 2, 3, etc. and when Jesus comes along and calls our number we should be ready. Just then he heard and saw something and he made us go, saying, "Jesus is calling our number now." Fearing we would be left behind, he said, "go" several times. "Can't you hear Him calling?" He was so afraid we would be left behind. Then John and Will went out of the room and he waved his hand to them and said, "I will meet you there." He had not been able to speak clearly for several days, but the above quotations were as clear as though he were well. He shortly went into another coma and was in that condition on and off all afternoon. Saturday evening about 10 o'clock we left him, and that was the last time he said anything. He was too weak to say good-bye but moved his hand when we left him. About midnight he became conscious again for awhile. Then he became unconscious again and stayed that way until he died, about 5:30 Sunday morning, November 15, 1925. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

JOHN, son of John Holmquist, was married to Ruth Elfie Swanson, October 3, 1908. They lived in Morgan Park, Chicago, where John and Ruth also died. He had six children living; one daughter died in infancy. Their children are as follows: Alden Theodore, Russell Waldorf, Eleanor Ruth, LaVerne Adele, Bernard John, and Elaine Elfie. Ruth Holmquist died May 8, 1944. John died January 6, 1953. Both are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

EDWARD, another son of John, was married to Alice Vedinghoff, and lived in Chicago. Edward died December 26, 1941. They had three children, namely: Evelyn, Hazel, and Charles.

WILLIAM, another son of John and twin of Edward, married Lillian Newman and she died December 26, 1918. This marriage was blessed with one daughter, Lillian. William married again to Esther Holm. They were married on January 10, 1920.

Three children were born to this marriage, namely: June, Marian, and William Carl. Will and his family lived in Chicago. He and Esther now reside in St. Petersburg, Florida.

WALDEMAR T., another son of John, is married to Nellie Holm, a sister of Esther Holm. They lived in Chicago and for many years in Ross (Gary) Indiana. Six children are now living who were born to this marriage, namely: Richard, Robert, Jean, Donald, Carol, and Marjorie. One child, Dorothy, died in her youth. Val and Nellie now live in Sawyer, Michigan.